G R S 58]

Previous references 1911-12

~~1914~~

(Edn)

Later references

File No 48-11

Serial Nos 1-4

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 1—4

Part B for November 1914

SUBJECT

The results of the University exams of 191 as affecting the colleges and High Schools in that state

---

SC4 No 3644/254 d 6/11/11 From the D.P.I. of Edn

Submits copies of the letters of the Principals of the Central & Maharajah's colleges &c. the two results of the last University exam

G1 B—10 000—23 8 1

B Sreenivasaraos
24/5/15

G R S 11] 1911-12

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Edn)

NOTES

File No 48-11

FILE HEADING

Results of the University examinations as affecting the colleges and high schools in the State

From

the Secy to the Govt of Mysore, G + R Depth

D G No 383 Dated 15th July 1911 Received —

Diary No —	Enclos —	Spare Copies —	Serial No 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Requests the D G of Edn to forward early a statement showing the results of the University exams held recently as affecting the Colleges and high Schools in the State.

Sl 2 D G No 15 - dated 29th July 1911 from the D G of Edn to the Secy G & R Depth

The D G sends three statements showing the results of the recent University exams of the College and high Schools in the State ~~NOTES AND ORDERS~~

Sl 3 D G No 1796 dated 2 9 11 from the Secy G+R Depth to the D G of Edn

States that the passes are less than 50% and therefore poor and that he is desired to enquire how they are accounted for

NOTES—First Sheet

GPS—20 000—4-8 11

File No 48 of 1911-12

2

Serial No 4

From the Dy Supdt of Police
No 3644/254 dy 6/11/11

Submits copies of the letter of the Principals of the Central Maharajah's Colleges Re. the poor results of the last University Exams

(1) The previous papers were sent to Secy during the Durbar at Mysore.

2 The explanations from the Head Masters of High Schools Re the poor Results in the Matriculation Exams have not yet been Received. Reminders are being issued. May this be kept in the await- ing a further Communication from the Dyst

Mysore 23
27/11/11

3 Yes
29/11/11

Contn sheet

CPB—50 000—12 8 10

D O No 383 dated 15th July 1911 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General & Revenue Departments, to the Inspector General of Education in Mysore

****

I am desired by the Dewan to request you to be so good as to forward early a statement showing the results of the University Examinations held recently as affecting the Colleges and High Schools in the State in the form appended hereto

*****

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

Name of School	Strength of VI Form at the time of selection	No sent up	No passed	
			1st class	2nd class

*INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION

Name of College	Strength of Senior Intermediate class at the time of selection	No sent up	No passed	
			1st class	2nd class

*B A DEGREE EXAMINATION

Name of College	Strength of Senior B A Class at the time of selection	No sent up	No passed	
			1st class	2nd class

* Details of Science Branches should be shown

4

D O No 15 dated 29th July 1911 from the Inspector General of Education in Mysore to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments

****

With reference to your D O No 383 dated 15th July 1911, I enclose herein three statements showing the results of the recent University Examinations of the College and High Schools in the State

****

"C o p y"

5

RESULTS OF THE B A DEGREE EXAMINATION OF 1911 CENTRAL AND MAHARAJA'S COLLEGES

No	College & Groups	Strength of the Senior B A class at the time of selection	No sent up	No. passed Classes I	II	III	Total
I	CENTRAL COLLEGE -						
	English Language	56	*53	-	5	23	28
	Second Language	45	*43	1	20	14	35
	Science Branches -						
	Physics	34	26	3	13	8	24
	Mathematics	5	5	-	3	-	3
	Geology	14	14	-	7	5	12
	* TWO STUDENTS WHO WERE SENT UP FAILED TO OBTAIN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES IN ENGLISH AND SECOND LANGUAGE						
2	MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE						
	English Language	28	27	-	1	10	11
	Second Language	25	25	-	10	13	23
	Science Branches -						
	History	17	17	-	4	11	15
	Mathematics	8	8	-	-	2	2

"C O P Y"

RESULTS OF THE B A DEGREE EXAMINATION OF 1911 CENTRAL AND MAHARAJA'S

COLLEGES

No	College & Groups	Strength of the Senior B A class at the time of selection	No sent up	No. passed Classes I	II	III	Total
I	CENTRAL COLLEGE -						
	English Language	56	*53	-	5	23	28
	Second Language	45	*43	1	20	14	35
	Science Branches -						
	Physics	34	26	3	13	8	24
	Mathematics	5	5	-	3	-	3
	Geology	14	14	-	7	5	12
	* TWO STUDENTS WHO WERE SENT UP FAILED TO OBTAIN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES IN ENGLISH AND SECOND LANGUAGE						
2	MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE						
	English Language	28	27	-	1	10	11
	Second Language	25	25	-	10	13	23
	Science Branches -						
	History	17	17	-	4	11	15
	Mathematics	8	8	-	-	2	2

"C O P Y"

RESULTS OF THE INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION OF 1911

****

No	College & Groups	Strength of the Senior Intermediate class at the time of selection	No sent up	No passed Class I	Class II	Class III	Total
1	CENTRAL COLLEGE -						
	Group I (Math)	38	*36	4	10		14
	Group II (Natural Science)	19	14	4	4		8
	* One student failed to obtain attendance certificate in Group I						
2	Maharaja's College						
	Group III (History & Logic)	45	44 sent up 43 attended	3	14		17
	Do (History & Vernacular)	4	4	1	1		2
3	MAHARANI'S COLLEGE						
	Group III (History & Logic)	1	1	-	1		1

"C O P Y"

7

RESULTS OF THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION OF 1911

	School	Strength of the VI Form at the time of selection	No sent up	Passed			Total
				Classed I	II	III	
1	Maharaja's College	82	77	-	4	18	22
2	Maharani's College	7	4	-	-	1	1
3	High School, Bangalore	142	98 sent up 95 attended	1	2	13	16
4	" Kolar	24	17	-	1	3	4
5	" Tumkur	46	35	1	4	5	10
6	" Hassan	12	8	-	-	2	2
	" Chikmagalur	19	13	-	1	2	3
8	" Shimoga	47	40	-	1	5	6
9	" Chitaldrug	18	18	-	1	3	4
10	" Chikballapur	20	18	-	-	3	3
	" Channapatna	10	7	-	-	-	-
11	Wes Mis High School, Bangalore	93	50	1	3	3	7
12	London do do	35	26	-	3	2	5
13	London Mission Girls' High School, Bangalore	3	2	-	-	-	-
14	Wes Mis High School, Mysore	38	22	-	4	7	11
15	Marimallappa's High School, Mysore	60	41 sent up 39 appeared	-	1	9	10

"C O P Y"

15

D O No 1796/Edn 48-11-3 dated the 2nd September 1911 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, to the Inspector General of Education in Mysore

****

Please refer to the correspondence ending with your office D O dated the 29th July 1911 forwarding the results of the State Colleges and High Schools in the recent University Examinations

2 In the following cases the passes are less than half of the number that appeared for the examinations The results in these cases must therefore be considered poor I am desired to enquire how they are accounted for and who the professors and masters concerned are -

(1) B A Examination, Maharaja's College — English Language, Mathematics

(2) Intermediate Examination -
Central College — Group I (Mathematics)
Maharaja's College — Group III (History & Logic)

(3) Matriculation Examination -
All the Government High Schools and Aided High Schools in the State including the Maharaja's College and the Maharani's College, Mysore, with the exception of the aided Wesleyan Mission High School, Mysore

****

"C O P Y"

Letter Camp No A dated 16th October 1911 from the Inspector General of Education in Mysore to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments

****

In reply to your D O letter No 1796/Edn 48-11-3 dated 2nd September 1911, I beg to submit herewith the replies (in original, to be kindly returned when no longer required) received from the Head Masters of all the High Schools explaining why the results of the last Matriculation Examination were unsatisfactory

The percentage of 50 is rather too high to be realised in respect of passes in the Matriculation Examination, and in fact, I believe, it has never been realised in the Madras University There has recently been a great change in the method and standard of the examination, and neither the examiners nor the teachers have had time to adapt themselves to it The pupils also to be fit should have proper training not merely in the Matriculation class, but from the lower classes, and there has not been sufficient time for this adaptation also

Other causes that may have contributed to the failures are the dislocation of work due to plague in many places, want of efficient staff, and sufficient apparatus idiosyncracies

of examiners, and the general low level of intelligence in pupils

As many causes thus contribute to failures, some of which are definitely traceable, and some merely accidental, it is almost impossible to fix the responsibility on individual teachers In addition to general measures that would improve the level of teaching in schools from the lower forms, change of teachers, and supply of better apparatus may be required in particular cases, and these matter will be attended to in due course as far as possible

In respect of the higher examinations, 50 per cent does not seem to be too high a standard of success to expect, but the Principals have not yet sent their replies The explanations will be submitted separately when received

****

"C o p y"

Edn 81]

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE,

No 3644 / 254 Enc 5 *Bangalore,* 6th November *1911*

DIARY No. 2479

	19/11-1912
SECTION	Edn
FILE No	48
SERIAL No	4

From

~~H J BHABHA, Esq, M A~~

The *Inspector General of Education in Mysore*

To

C S Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B A ,

Offg Secretary to the Government of H H the Maharaja

of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore

SIR.

In continuation of this office letter Camp No A dated 16th October 1911, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letters Nos 138 dated 19th October 1911 and D O dated 17th October 1911 with its enclosures from the Principals of the Central and Maharaja's Colleges respectively regarding the poor results of the last University Examinations

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your mostobedient servant,

S Krishnaswamy Iyengar

For Inspector General

T N R

GPH—1500—9-09

Confidential September 15, 1911 12

To

The Principal,

Maharaja's College,

Mysore

Enclosure 108

Dear Sir,

With reference to the enquiry of Government regarding the poor results obtained by the Maharaja's College in English at the last University Examination, I should be obliged if you would lay the following considerations before them

The Maharaja's College, though it is required to specialise in English, has only one Professor who is qualified by his University Degree to teach that subject, and only two Professors who speak English as their mother tongue Owing to illness the English Professor was absent from his post for more than four months during the year preceding the last University Examinations. The consequent disturbance in the studies of the students would, under any circumstances, have been injurious to the results, but in this case matters were aggravated by the fact that, during this period, the study of Historical English Grammar was entirely ~~strictly~~ dropped Historical English Grammar forms, together with the History of English Literature, one paper in which the candidate must score a certain minimum on penalty of failure in the whole subject Now, as Historical English Grammar demands a considerable familiarity with Latin and Greek and at least a rudimentary knowledge of Anglo-Saxon and middle English, while very few Indian students are equipped even with a knowledge of Sanskrit, it is not surprising that they find the subject extremely difficult without the guidance of one whose training has fitted him to teach it

The staff of the Maharaja's College contains three Professors who posses degrees with honours in History. Only one who possesses a degree with honours in English Till the staff is strengthened

Mysore,
18-9-11

14

From

Prof C R Reddy,

To,

The Principal,
Maharaja's College, Mysore

Enclosure 4

Sir,

With reference to No.2183-97/222 of the Inspector General of Education, I have the honour to submit the following statement with regard to failures in the B A English

My responsibility is limited to about half the Prose portion (part of Lobban's Essays and Ruskin) and the major part of the History of English Literature I therefore confine my remarks to these portions, as far as possible

From the statements of the students -though these are by no means always reliable, I came to the conclusion that on the whole they did well in Prose and badly in Literature How exactly they fared in each branch of the subject can be known if you apply to the Registrar for the detailed marks of each candidate

I must however candidly confess that I am not surprised that the College did badly in English The Language papers seems to present peculiar difficulties The range of questions is somewhat indefinite Mere memory is not so ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ decessive a factor as in some other subjects Moreover a fairly high level of excellence in composition is required Our students strike me as being below the average in Essay-writing and general-reading, and these are defects which cannot be remedied by class work alone

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) C R Reddy

"COPY"

S Krishnaswamy Iyengar
For ~~Inspector General.~~

15

Maharaja's College,

Mysore, September 23, 1911

From

Thomas Denham,

Principal, Maharaja's College, Encl 1 of 4

To

The Inspector General of Education in Mysore

Sir,

In answer to your letter No 2183-97/222, dated September 4th, I have the honour to reply as follows -

If the term 'poor' (which is employed to characterise certain of the results) were applied relatively then the results might be called 'good' or 'fairly good' For instanc the University results in the Matriculation Examination are continuously and notoriously 'poor', the percentage of passes never, to my knowledge, having reached the level of 50 % On the contrary, the percentage for the whole presidency is often below 20 % This year the College percentage for the Matriculation was 29 and a fraction ,practically 30 % This is, so far as I can gather, relatively 'good' -though the average for the Universityis not yet known These remarks apply more or less to other University examinations, e g the B A Mathematics, though I cannot speak with the same certainty in this connection

With reference to the results in detail, as regards the B A English results, the responsibility rests with a large number of Professors, viz , Messrs, Weir (one year) Adolphus (one year and 6 months) Mc Combe (2 years) Reddy (~~barely~~ nearly one year) and Vasudevarao (4 months) i,e, the B A men were taugh by five Professors for different periods instead of by 2 Professors for the whole time The numerous changes in ~~this~~ the

staff must be held responsible largly for the results Then Mr. Mc Combe who alone can teach the Historical Grammar, in which the men confess to having done well, was absent for four months on a sick leave at a critical time of the year. Again the new Professors are all without experience which time alone can give and grow which the results will, as a matter of course, improve. I submit the ~~confidential~~ individual reports of Messrs Mc Combe and Reddy One statement made by the latter needs modification i e the detailed results of the failed B A cannot be obtained officially from the Registrar A Fellow may inspect the results, that is all.

With respect to the <u>B A Mathematics</u> the responsiblity is shared by the late Mr Weir (one year) and Mr. Krishna Murti (the whole ~~period~~ time) Mr Krishna Murti has placed before ~~me~~ the following facts - ~~(1)~~ (1) The men were all new to the subject i.e there were no failed Mathematics men who often pass at the second attempt All these failed in English and 4 in Vernacular, -which points to their being weak all round (2) The results, 25 % will, ~~be believed~~ he believes, compare favourably with other institutions (3) Taking the results of the last 12 years for the College, those for 1911 come fourth in rank (4) Many of the men suffered from fever at the examination held in Madras in the month of April

As regards the <u>Intermediate Arts</u> results, these will compare ~~only~~ very favourably with results of many other institutions The University average is not yet known. The remarks made above with respect to the changes in the English staff apply equally to the I A. Class No individual ~~professor~~ Professor or lecturer can be called upon for any explanation, in as much as in English subject more than half the men passed Many of the students failed in one or two subjects only, and the results in each subject were over 50 %

To the general ~~results~~ remarks already made with respect to the <u>Matriculation</u> Examination I have little to add It was only in 2 subjects viz., English and Science that the failures were

were more than 50 %, -in all other subjects the boys did excellently English and Science are known to be the great failing subjects Quite half the boys were candidates who had already failed and many of these again failed to pass But the point to be borne in mind is that a percentage of nearly 30 % passes is relatively good -as a reference to many other institutions will prove The results, too, compare favourably with the results of most previous years of the College

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) Thomas Denham,

"Copy"

For Inspector General.

T N R

18
Encl 0814

Maharaja's College, Mysore,
October 17, 1911

Dear Mr Nanjundayya,

I forward herewith my letter as regards the results of the different examinations You will see that it was written on September 23rd and that is why I am sending the two letters of Professors Mc Combe and Reddy rather than give their gist The letter would have meant rewriting my letter at a time when I am overwhelmed with work.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) Thos Denham

"COPY"

S Krishnaswamy Aiyangar
for Inspector General

No 138

Central College, Bangalore 19
Dated 19th October 1911

From,

J G Tait, Esq , M A ,
Principal,
Central College, Bangalore

To,

The Inspector-General of Education
in Mysore, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 2183-97/221 dated 4th September 1911, and reminder No.3199-200/340 dated 18th October 1911, I have the honour to state that I do not admit that the result of the last Intermediate Examination were discreditable to the College or that there was any neglect of duty on the part of the staff, and that I consider that, when Government expressed their displeasure, they had not the materials for forming a judgment in the mattor

2. If Government seriously maintain the position they have taken up, the following article will have to be added to the Mysore Educational Rules -,If in any year the pass from a school or College in any examination is less than 50 per cent, this will be considered conclusive proof of neglect of duty on the part of the staff, and the Government will without further enquiry deal suitably with the culprits.

3 When Government infer from a low percentage of passes that the staff has been neglectful of duty, they assume that the percentage of passes depends on the work of the staff alone, an assumption which is curiously wide of the mark In the first place the severity of an examination varies from year to year To take one instance, in the last 18 years the passes in the English Language Division of the B A. Examination has varied from 77 5 per cent to 37 8 per cent Yet Government proposes

7-0

to apply an unvaryirg standard of 50 per cent in every year Secordly, the percentages of passex depends on the strictness of the Principal in permitting students to appear If he selects strictly, the percentage of passes is high, if leniently, the pass is low Yet the work of the staff is the same in either case

4 The only reason why the passes from the Central College in Group I was lower than the pass in Group II, is that I was rather less strict in selecting in the former case 92 per cent of the students on the roll were allowed to go up in Group I, and 70 per cent in Group II 6 or 7 students were allowed to xx appear for Group I at the special request of their parents, who had been distinctly told that the students were unfit to go up

5 The passxx in Group I for the whole University was 37 1 and the pass from the Central College was 40 0

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) J G Tait,

Principal

"Copy"

For Inspector General

T N R